

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-22 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 23, 24, 26-28, 30, 31, 33-37, 39, 42, 43, 45-47, 49, 50, 52-56, and 59-61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Fujinami et al. Claims 25, 29, 38, 44, 48, and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Fujinami et al. in view of Naimpally. Claims 40, 41, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Fujinami et al. in view of Official Notice. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is noted that the Fujinami et al. reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,504,585) issued on April 2, 1996, and had an effective U.S. filing date under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of September 22, 1993. The present application claims priority to Korean Application 6441/1993 filed April 16, 1993. It should be noted that Applicants' foreign priority document has a filing date that is earlier than the §102(e) date of Fujinami et al.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby perfect their claim to foreign priority by providing a verified English translation of their

Korean Application 6441/1993. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the Korean application, namely, April 16, 1993. Therefore, Fujinami et al. no longer qualifies as prior art relative to the present invention.

Since Fujinami et al. no longer qualifies as prior art, it is respectfully submitted that all of the rejections of record have been rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

#### Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mr. Scott L. Lowe (Reg. No. 41,458) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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